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President:	Mr. Qin Huasun	(China)
Members:	Chile	Mr. Larraín
	Costa Rica	Mr. Berrocal Soto
	Egypt	Mr. Elaraby
	France	Mr. Dejammet
	Guinea-Bissau	Mr. Cabral
	Japan	Mr. Konishi
	Kenya	Mr. Rana
	Poland	Mr. Matuszewski
	Portugal	Mr. Brito
	Republic of Korea	Mr. Park
	Russian Federation	Mr. Lavrov
	Sweden	Mr. Dahlgren
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir John Weston
	United States of America	Mr. Burleigh

Agenda

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The meeting was called to order at 12.20 p.m.

Expression of thanks to the retiring President

The President (*interpretation from Chinese*): As this is the first meeting of the Security Council for the month of November, I should like to take this opportunity to pay tribute, on behalf of the Council, to His Excellency Mr. Juan Somavía, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations, for his service as the President of the Security Council for the month of October 1997. I am sure I speak for all members of the Security Council in expressing deep appreciation to Ambassador Somavía for the great diplomatic skill with which he conducted the Council's business last month.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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The President (*interpretation from Chinese*): I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of the Central African Republic to the United Nations, in which he requests to be invited to participate in the discussion of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the discussion, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Deinde Fernandez (Central African Republic) took a seat at the Council table.

The President (*interpretation from Chinese*): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Security Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them the letter dated 27 October 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council, transmitting the letter dated 23 October 1997 from the President of the Gabonese Republic addressed to the President of the Security Council, document S/1997/821, and the letter dated 4 November 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Central African Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the letter dated 17 October 1997 from the President of the Central African Republic addressed to the Secretary-General, document S/1997/840.

Members of the Council also have before them document S/1997/849, which contains the text of a draft resolution prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

I should like to draw the attention of the members of the Council to document S/1997/828, which contains the text of a letter dated 28 October 1997 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council, transmitting the sixth and final periodic report of the Inter-African Mission to Monitor the Implementation of the Bangui Agreements (MISAB).

The first speaker inscribed on my list in the representative of the Central African Republic, on whom I now call.

Mr. Deinde Fernandez (Central African Republic): Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you, Sir, on your assumption of the presidency of the Security Council for the month of November.

May I, on behalf of my Government, express to the members of the Council our sincere gratitude for the important draft resolution it is about to consider. We are confident that, with the great wisdom that exists in this Chamber among members of the Council, a suitable solution will be found before February for the continuation of the Inter-African Mission to Monitor the Implementation of the Bangui Agreements (MISAB).

Once again, I pledge my Government's full cooperation with the Council, the Secretary-General and MISAB to strengthen and promote the cause of peace and democracy, and to create all the necessary conditions for a better life for all the people of my country, the Central African Republic.

The President (*interpretation from Chinese*): I thank the representative of the Central African Republic for his kind words addressed to me.

It is my understanding that the Security Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1997/849) before it. If I hear no objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Chile, China, Costa Rica, Egypt, France, Guinea-Bissau, Japan, Kenya, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The President (*interpretation from Chinese*): There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1136 (1997).

There are no further speakers inscribed on my list. The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Security Council will remain seized of the matter.

The meeting rose at 12.30 p.m.